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# BITTER U.S. CONDEMNATION OF GERMAN INVASION

## The Nazi Version

### Sink Submarines And The Cruiser York

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
**BERLIN, Apr. 13 (UP).—**A High Command communiqué said that German fighting planes, scouring the North Sea to-day, surprised two British submarines on the surface, attacked both of them with several bombs, and sank them with direct hits.

It confirmed that the British cruiser York, 8,250 tons, with a normal complement of 600 men was sunk off Trondheim. The announcement indicated that the cruiser went down on April 11 after an attack by a German bomber.

The communiqué admitted the loss of two planes in an air battle off the Norwegian coast last Friday.

#### Big Landings Claimed

It said German big guns were transported through the British naval and air blockade to the Norwegian coast and were landed at Trondheim Friday. Large additional units of German army were landed at Oslo last Friday.

Germany has taken over the units of the Norwegian navy at the occupied Norwegian ports and has landed large crews.

Meanwhile, an authorized source declared that Germany has objected to the fact that the Swedish press and radio have made "careless" statements for British and French propaganda, and it is presumed "that the Swedish Government will see the desirability for a change."

#### No London Confirmation

**LONDON, Apr. 13 (Reuter).—**The claim to have sunk the cruiser York was made in the German High Command broadcast to-day, which stated that it is reported from Amsterdam that the British cruiser, which was successfully attacked on Thursday and sunk, is supposed to be the York.

There is no confirmation of this claim in London.

## NAZIS ARE HELD

### Only Small Landings Effected

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
**STOCKHOLM, Apr. 13 (UP).—**The spokesman at the Norwegian Legation claimed that the German forces landed in the Trondheim district are not very considerable.

The occupation of the surrounding district to the south has hitherto gone only as far as Storöen. On the other side, the important roads along the Trondheim fjord are in the hands of German troops.

He denied that contact had again been established between King Haakon and a German delegation at Oslo or with any other German representative.

#### British Vigilance

**LONDON, Apr. 13 (UP).—**Official quarters here to-day said the constant vigilance of the British naval units has made "further landings by German troops in the far north of Norway almost impossible."

Meanwhile, it is reported that as part of the British attempt to prevent Germany from concentrating on the occupation of Norway, a British naval and submarine fleet has been stationed in the Kattegat ready to meet any German attempt to sweep a channel through the minefields through which its forces in Norway.

It is reported that the Allied minefields laid off the German, Netherlands and Norwegian coasts and the Skagerrak and Kattegat—entrances to the Baltic—now cover about 60,000 square miles.

#### German Claim

**BERLIN, Apr. 13 (UP).—**The official news agency reports: "The German troops assigned to securing an extension of the occupied territory in the region around Narvik have taken control of the greater part of the roads leading from Narvik to the Swedish border."

## Hoisted On Own Petard

### Nazis Tried This Trick Once Too Often

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
**LONDON, Apr. 13 (UP).—**It is learned that when the German Steamer Blomberg was about to be captured by a British destroyer, the German crew placed two time bombs below decks.

However, the British sailors ordered the German crew below decks.

The German crew then dismantled the bombs, and the German captain shot himself.

## Is This A Prelude To Mass Raids?

**LONDON, Apr. 13 (Reuter).—**The allegation that the R.A.F. had bombed the railway station at Schleswig-Holstein was repeated by the German Radio this afternoon.

This allegation has already been denied by the British Air Ministry.

The German announcer to-day quoted a passage from Hitler's speech to the Reichstag in which he said: "I don't want to wage war against women and children."

The Führer's pledge has been kept, said the announcer. "If, however, the enemy wish it otherwise they may have it."

## DANGER TO THE YEN

### New Exchange Measures To Be Introduced

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
**TOKYO, April 13 (Domei).—**With the expansion of the European war, Sterling-Yen exchange is fluctuating widely in sympathy with the very unstable Sterling-Dollar cross rate.

In order to avoid possible danger from this situation, Japanese financial authorities including the Finance Ministry, the Bank of Japan and the Yokohama Specie Bank have decided to effect certain revisions in existing exchange agreements among Japanese banks.

#### Proposed Measures

These provisional changes will come into force from April 15, following final approval to-morrow. It is expected that they will be along the following lines:

- (1) The existing regulation under which the difference between the rates for two, four and six months sight, is placed at 1/32d., remains unchanged.
- (2) The existing regulation providing for differences of 1/32d. on the rates for two, four and six months sight, are suspended temporarily. Instead, rates will be kept on the same levels.
- (3) There will be no changes in the regulations governing buying rates.

Under the new provisional regulations, therefore, the difference between selling and buying forward rates will show an increase, compared with present uniform margin of 1/32d., those for four months sight being 1/16d., for six months sight 3/32d., and thereafter 1/8d.

## Safe Conduct For Ships

### U.S. Govt. Appeals To Belligerents

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
**WASHINGTON, Apr. 13 (UP).—**The United States Government has notified the belligerents that the American freighters Flying Fish, Mormac Sea and Charles R. McCormick, now in Norwegian waters, are returning home shortly, and that the United States expects they will be given safe passage.

The Flying Fish and the Charles R. McCormick are reported to be at Bergen, while the Mormac Sea is at Trondheim.

#### U.S. Appeal

**WASHINGTON, Apr. 13 (Reuter).—**The Government is asking Britain, Germany and Norway to do their utmost to facilitate the return of three American ships, the Flying Fish and Charles McCormick, which are at present at Bergen, and the Mormac Sea, which is at present at Trondheim.

## NEW BOMBERS FOR ALLIES

**WASHINGTON, Apr. 13 (Reuter).—**Britain and France have received the War Department's permission to place orders for the new model of a twin-engine Douglas attack bomber, believed to be able to approach 400 miles an hour and the fastest of its type in the world.

## Indian Navy Taking No Chances

**NEW DELHI, Apr. 13 (Reuter).—**Forty miles of cable for non-magnetic girdles are being produced a week in India under the supervision of the Indian Navy, and they are being fitted to ships in Indian ports.

Ports adjacent to India are also receiving supplies from India.

**WASHINGTON, Apr. 13 (Reuter).—**While bitterly condemning the German invasion of Norway and Denmark, the United States is not likely to take any action or alter her foreign policy as the result of the spreading of the European war to Scandinavia.

The general view of authoritative quarters in the capital can be summed up as follows:

If Finland could not bring about American intervention, nothing will—at least not this side of the Presidential election.

President Roosevelt, however, is to protect American interests in the war zone immediately and has signed a proclamation extending the definition of the combat areas specified in the Neutrality Act to the waters all around the Scandinavian Peninsula as well as certain Arctic harbours of the Soviet Union.

#### Effect Of Prohibitions

Hitherto United States vessels, while forbidden to call at ports in Southern Norway or the Baltic Sea, were free to dock at Bergen or any port further northward.

With the new prohibitions, the only points where American shipping can touch Europe are Portugal, Northern Spain and neutral ports in the Mediterranean.

Meanwhile substantial American financial interests in Scandinavia are imperilled.

According to the State Department, American long-term investments mentioned by the German invasion of Scandinavia are: \$25,000,000 in Denmark; \$23,000,000 in Norway and \$8,500,000 in Sweden.

The strong isolation bloc meanwhile is renewing efforts to "keep America out of the war" in spite of the general sympathy for the Scandinavian states and the obvious loss of trade.

#### Congress Attitude

Most Congressmen are advocating an attitude of "Keep a cool head and hands off." One of the leading isolationists of Washington, Representative Knute Hill, has admitted that "this is a vicious attack on democracy itself," but he added "I am still opposed to the United States going to war."

There may be a change of attitude on the part of the authorities should Germany make a move towards Greenland and establish air bases there—a move which the Allies will most certainly counteract.

This would bring the war closer to the United States.

Hitherto President Roosevelt has declined to reveal his policy in the event of Hitler extending the Scandinavian aggression to Greenland and Iceland.

#### Concern For Greenland

But the President's concern for Greenlanders was manifest at yesterday's Press conference when he disclosed that he had asked the Red Cross to look to the needs of the 17,000 inhabitants of the island in case the annual supply ships from Denmark are cut off.

Mr. Fletcher Pratt, the well-known American expert, writing in the "New York Post," says: "As a matter of self-defence, the United States can hardly afford to see a power so dynamic and ruthless as the German regime be solidly established in Iceland and Greenland. We can hardly afford to see them established at all."

He pointed out that the "last census reports show that more than 1,500,000 people of Scandinavian birth live here, but of all the persons of Scandinavian descent, there are probably nearly 20 times as many."

A New York message states that out-of-town newspapers give space to the position of Greenland out of all proportion to the problem, which has not yet become immediate.

The "Springfield Republican," for instance, is anxious to keep out of the war and suggests that it would be better if Canada took over the country rather than the United States.

The "Baltimore Sun," however, says that any German claims to either Greenland or Iceland would raise issues of the gravest sort under the Monroe Doctrine—here, perhaps, is one of the most serious aspects of the new European developments from the American viewpoint.

British official reports of naval activities are given greater prominence in New York papers than the German claims.

#### Roosevelt's Statement

**WASHINGTON, Apr. 13 (Reuter).—**In a statement condemning the invasion of Norway and Denmark, President Roosevelt declared: "The Government of the United States has strongly expressed disapproval of this unlawful exercise of force. It here reiterates with undiminished emphasis its viewpoint as expressed on these occasions. If civilization is to survive, the rights of smaller nations to independence, territorial integrity and unimpeded opportunity for self-government must be respected by their more powerful neighbors."

## Rumanian Rumour Scotched

**BUCHAREST, Apr. 12 (UP).—**A high official source to-day announced that, contrary to reports abroad, there was no meeting of the Rumanian General Staff yesterday.

It is understood some interested power set a series of rumours afoot through local agents evidently designed to make war on Rumanian nerves.

## SWEDEN FEARS GERMAN INVASION

### Nazi Desperation At Allied Blockade

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
**STOCKHOLM, April 13 (Domei).—**Fears are increasing here that the Germans intend to effect an invasion of Sweden in order to seize the coastal railway line.

In this connection, it is pointed out that Germany's only access to Norway now is by plane, since the Allied mine-field has completely blocked the sea-route, thus isolating the Germans fighting in Norway.

Germany's difficulties are likely to increase as the operations progress. Her maximum force available for the Scandinavian adventure has been placed at ten divisions.

#### Gothenburg Safeguarded

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
**GOETENBURG, April 13 (UP).—**The entrance to the Swedish port of Gothenburg has been mined by the Allies.

#### Border Cities Evacuated

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
**LONDON, Apr. 12 (UP).—**Unconfirmed information from neutral diplomatic quarters indicates that Germany has demanded that Sweden permit passage of troops and supplies along the Swedish railways to Norway.

This report conflicts with a Swedish wireless report that the Germans have cut the Oslo-Gothenburg railway on Norwegian soil.

The Swedish Legation has told "United Press" that they are unaware of such action and doubt the report. Sweden, however, is determined to adhere to a strict defence of her neutrality.

**Amsterdam Adopt Dictatorial Tone**  
**AMSTERDAM, Apr. 12 (Reuter).—**It is learned in Berlin political circles that further serious warnings are being given to Sweden.

A German spokesman said that Sweden's immediate future depends on her forbidding everything that endangers her neutrality.

As long as this is done there is no reason for Germany to occupy bases in Sweden.

He added that if King Haakon and his Cabinet escaped to Sweden and continued to rule from there, Sweden would have to take the consequences. It is understood in Berlin that the German Minister in Oslo has had instructions to make another effort to reach King Haakon.

#### Swedish Denial

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
**STOCKHOLM, Apr. 12 (UP).—**The Swedish Premier, in a radio broadcast to-night, said that no belligerent Power had made any demands on Sweden.

If such demands were made he said, they would be rejected. He reiterated Swedish determination to maintain neutrality despite the extension of the war to the Scandinavian peninsula.

"In all directions we must reserve our right to independent judgment and independent action," he said.

He added that the Swedes face an "hour of trials" which might be the most severe they have experienced during the past century or more.

"The extension of the war area to our neighbourhood necessitates an increase in our defence preparedness," he declared.

#### Gothenburg Threatened

**PARIS, Apr. 12 (Reuter).—**According to a Havana despatch from Gothenburg, the British and French consulates at Gothenburg and Malmö are preparing to evacuate their nationals.

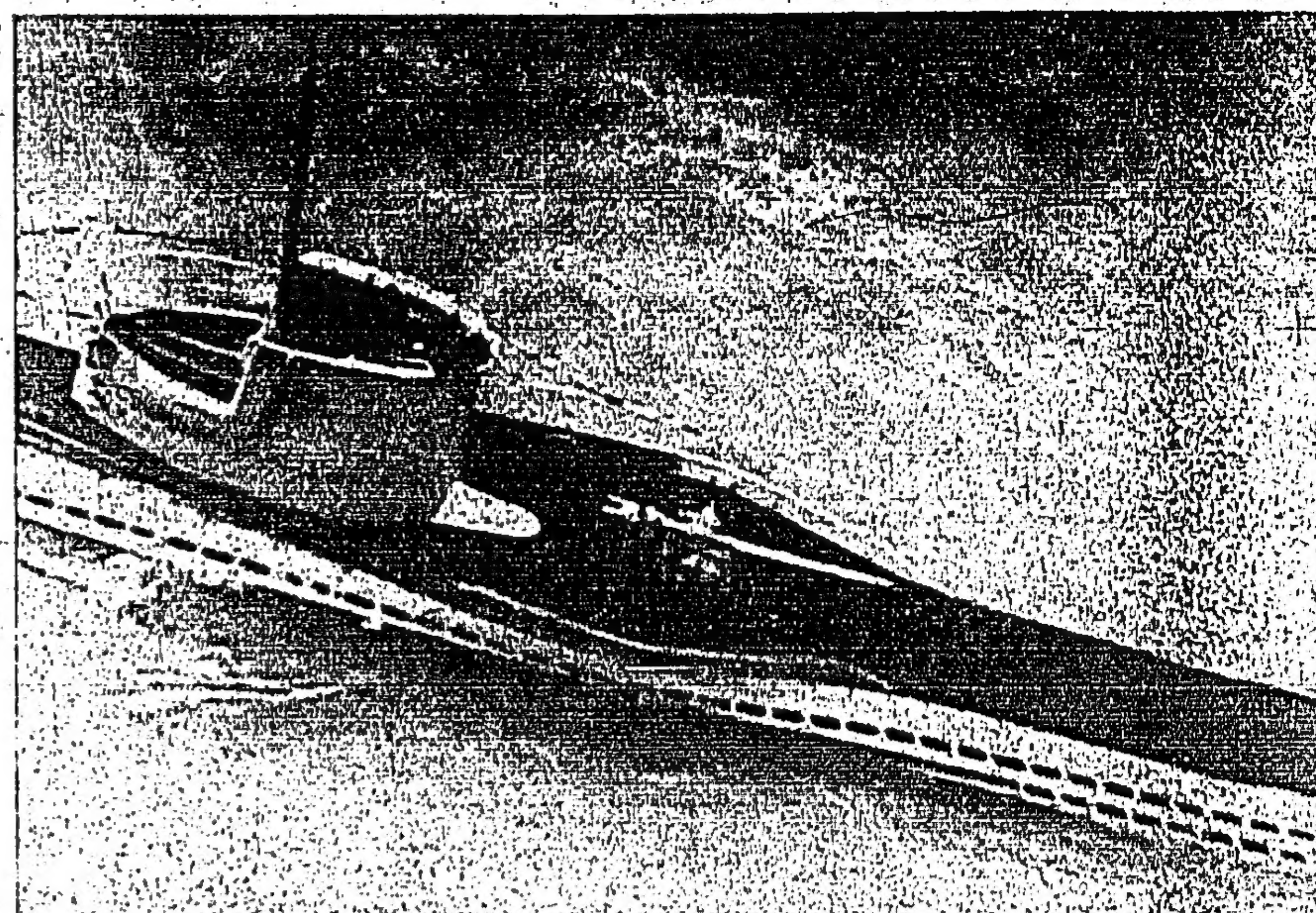
The International Brigade which went to Finland and which is about 1,500 strong, composed principally of well-trained British and Hungarian volunteers, is reported to be ready to leave Lapua in Finland for Norway.

The voluntary evacuation of women and children from towns in southern Sweden is proceeding rapidly.

Sweden is rapidly and energetically building air raid shelters.

All the cities and towns in Sweden

## THIS U-BOAT BECAME AN R.A.F. VICTIM



This remarkable picture of a 500-ton U-boat of the U-27-36 Class, was taken a few seconds before a bomb from an attacking R.A.F. plane sent the submarine to the bottom of the Schilling Roads. The U-boat was on exercise at the time of the attack as evidenced by the flag flying from her periscope, and was in the course of diving at the moment the photograph was taken.—Copyright Photograph.

## BRILLIANT ATTACK BY CHINESE IN KIANGSI

**CHUNGKING, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—**The Chinese claim "remarkable success" in a counter-attack at Kiangsi Provi.lee.

A military spokesman says that the Chinese, after breaking the Japanese attack on April 4, launched a counter-drive against the provincial capital, Nanchang, and captured over 20 strategic points.

The routed Japanese, falling back on Nanchang, were hotly pursued.

The Chinese severed the Japanese land communications besides emptying Poyang Lake, which is the only possible supply line for the Japanese.

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
**LONDON, April 13 (UP).—**It is authoritatively stated that the Allies will seize all Danish ships in Allied ports or on the High Seas as Prizes of War.

Approximately 705 vessels, of a total tonnage of 1,175,000 tons, are affected by the decision.

The Danish mercantile fleet is the twelfth largest in the world. All ships seized by the Allies will be requisitioned and will fly under the Allied flags.

Masters and crews will be permitted to continue to operate.

The Danish merchant marine numbers some 700 vessels, including 428 steamers and 260 motorships.

It is exceeded in tonnage only by the fleets of the British Empire (20,947,000 tons), United States (12,040,000 tons), Japan (5,000,000 tons), Norway (4,014,000 tons), Germany (4,243,000 tons), Italy (3,200,000 tons), France (2,003,000 tons), Netherlands (2,855,000 tons), Greece (1,880,000 tons) and Sweden (1,575,000 tons).

Among the lines affected in Far Eastern waters is the Moller Line, owner of the well-known "Maersk" ships, which comprise 81,000 tons of steamers and 98,000 tons of motor ships; and the East Asiatic Company, which owns 175,000 tons of motor ships. These are two of the biggest shipping companies in Denmark.

The largest fleet sailing under the Danish flag is the 11,000 ton motor-ship Canada, Denmark's largest tanker is the 10,500 ton Danmark, and her fastest ship is the Erria, which can do 17 knots.

The largest funnel-less ship in the world, the 9,500 ton India, also sails under the Danish flag.

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An official spokesman revealed that the ships may be seized on the theory that Denmark can no longer be considered a neutral, in view of the fact that she permitted Germany to assume protection of her territory.

The British Admiralty is at present studying the proposed seizures.

The Danish Legation confirms that it has heard of the reports.

Danish Masters were advised by BBC broadcasts last night to ignore instructions from Copenhagen and to proceed to British ports.

**Philippines Request**  
**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
**WASHINGTON, Apr. 12 (UP).—**Neither the State Department nor the Department of the Interior have been informed of the request by the Philippines High Commissioner for representations to be made regarding detention of cargoes in Danish ships at present held in Hongkong.

**Will Grant No Passage To Foreign Troops**  
**STOCKHOLM, Apr. 12 (Reuter).—**Mr. Albin Hansson, the Swedish Prime Minister, broadcasting to-night, said that Sweden would refuse passage to any foreign troops.

He declared that Sweden was determined to observe a principle of strict neutrality. It was not in accordance with strict neutrality to allow any scope for foreign enterprises.

"No demands in that direction have been put to us," he continued, "but if such demands are made, they will have to be refused."

M. Hansson added that guarding their neutrality meant that the country would be defended in case of necessity.

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**LONDON, Apr. 13 (Reuter).—**It is stated here that the Swedish Government is keeping in constant touch with London.

## SHOCK FOR NORWEGIAN CAPTAIN

### Did Not Know His Country Was At War

**WITH more arrivals yesterday, the total number of Norwegian and Danish ships in Hongkong harbour has risen to 14.**

Of this number there is only one large Danish freighter, the Peter Maersk. The Heinrich Jensen is now building at Kowloon Dock.

When the 2,232-ton Norwegian freighter Prosper entered Hongkong yesterday, her Master did not know that Norway had been attacked and was at war with Germany.

Although the Prosper carries radio, the news had not been heard on board. Along with other Norwegian vessels she has been refused clearance to leave port.

Indicative of Norway's participation in the war against Germany another Norwegian vessel is reported to have painted over the Norwegian flag on her sides in order to disguise her nationality.

The Danish freighter Peter Maersk has on board 2,000 tons of cargo from the United States for Manila. This cargo includes fresh eggs from Shanghai, rubber articles, machinery and other manufactured goods.

The freighter has now left Kowloon Dock and is anchored off Stonecutters.

Several more Danish freighters are due in Hongkong within the next fortnight.

## Survivors Become An Expedition

**LONDON, Apr. 13 (Reuter).—**There is more news of the men of the destroyer Hardy who stormed ashore after going aground in Narvik fjord.

The men now seem to have formed themselves into a private expeditionary force and to have established their headquarters in a village half way up the fjord.

There is no indication that they have established contact with the Norwegian forces which are surrounding Narvik, but there is also no report of their having been attacked by the Germans.



## SEVEN NAZI DES TROYERS SUNK IN ANOTHER BIG NAVAL ENGAGEMENT

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also to engage the shore batteries which might have been erected. According to reports which have been received from the Commander-in-Chief, Vice-Admiral Whitworth, holding his flag in the Warspite, commanded the attack which was extremely successful.

### Seven Ships Destroyed

Enemy opposition was not found remarkably severe. A field howitzer, which had been mounted ashore, was put out of action by the fire of H.M.S. Cossack. Four German destroyers were shattered and sunk in Narvik Bay. Three others fled. They were also pursued, engaged and destroyed. The British loss of life is believed to have been very small. No estimate can be made at present of the German losses in personnel, but the seven destroyers must have contained over 1,000 men. The Admiralty have signalled their congratulations to the Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Sir Charles Forbes, to Vice-Admiral Whitworth and the officers and men engaged in this vigorous, daring and skilfully conducted action, which may well tend to clarify the situation on this part of the Norwegian coast. Operations are still proceeding.

### Another Warship Sunk

LONDON, Apr. 13. (Reuter).—Another German warship has been sunk off Norway. Over 50 survivors have been landed in England.

### More Losses Likely

LONDON, Apr. 13. (Reuter).—German naval losses in the British destroyer attack on Narvik are now believed to have been heavier than was at first thought. Some of those in port at the time and who have now escaped inland say that several German warships were left damaged or burning and have since sunk or run aground.

### German Disclaimers

BERLIN, Apr. 14. (UP).—The Ministry of Propaganda to-day said no report whatever has been received regarding any fighting at Narvik yesterday. The Ministry declined to make any comment on the British announcement.

## BRITISH WARPLANES WRECK STAVANGER AERODROME

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returned safely despite very unfavourable weather.

### Fight in Snowstorm

It is reported that a lone R.A.F. coastal command plane patrolling the North Sea in a snowstorm fought, in quick succession, a German destroyer and a Dornier flying boat. They first raked the destroyer's deck with hundreds of rounds of ammunition and then attacked the flying boat which fled with both engines afire. It was believed that she could not reach her base.

The R.A.F. plane returned safely although it had to fly a great stretch of the North Sea with a bullet hole in the gasoline tank. **Hardfought Fights** LONDON, Apr. 13. (Reuter).—The Air Ministry described the air operations near Norway as a series of hardfought fights. Four Messerschmitts are known to have been brought down and two others are believed to have been destroyed, while yet others were damaged.

Eight British planes were lost and two were forced down on the sea on the way home. The R.A.F. are rendering valuable assistance in securing the North Sea and helping to round up the defeated German naval units.

### Salvoes Of Bombs

LONDON, Apr. 13. (Reuter).—The Air Ministry announced that Coastal Command aircraft dropped salvoes of heavy bombs on the aerodrome at Stavanger this morning.

It is believed that they did extensive damage to the hangar and aircraft, on which mechanics were seen working.

One of our aircraft was repeatedly attacked by a twin-engine enemy fighter, which fired several bursts at very close range. The rear-gunner of the British aircraft, although wounded, continued to fire until the fighter went down in flames.

### Advised To Leave

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" COPENHAGEN, Apr. 13. (UP).—The United States Consulate General has advised all American citizens to leave Denmark.

## NAZIS TRY TO CROSS RHINE

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to supply the entire region with current.

### Attack Repulsed

Kemis also commands entry to the Rhine Canal, flowing northwards, joins the Rhine-Rhine canal. While not of vital importance at the present stage of operations, it could be a strong point of defensive action and a counter-barrage should the Germans ever attempt a mass sortie over the waters of the Rhine. However, to-day's attempted German attack was repulsed.

### French Communiqué

PARIS, Apr. 13. (UP).—The 446th official communiqué issued to-day said: "The day was marked by hot patrol encounters. East of the Moselle River, an enemy attack, accompanied by violent artillery fire, failed completely and the enemy was forced to retire."

"Further east, patrol encounters resulted in our advantage. Between the Saar and Vosges rivers, we executed a successful local attack."

### French Air Activity

PARIS, Apr. 13. (UP).—Very many reconnaissance flights have been sent out over the German front lines and the immediate hinterland during the past 48 hours, watching for the slightest indication of any unusual movement on the part of the enemy such as troop concentrations at any single point, or abnormal numbers of supply trains making their way to the front.

Partly due, no doubt, to the unfavourable weather, German aircraft have been less enterprising, and the French report that only a few reconnaissance flights have visited the French front lines, and only two or three machines have been spotted over northern France.

### Complete Failure

PARIS, Apr. 13. (Reuter).—A French communiqué issued to-day says that the day was marked by a renewal of activity of contact units.

East of Moselle, a local enemy attack, prepared and supported by heavy artillery fire, failed completely. The enemy was unable to force the entanglements and fell back.

More to the east, encounters between reconnaissance parties resulted to our advantage.

Between the Saar and the Vosges a raid by us succeeded.

## VIOLENT FIGHTING IN NORWAY

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war in Finland—merely guerrilla warfare between small German columns trying to extend the freedom of movement round the occupied zones and Norwegian detachments which are growing as mobilisation proceeds. The Norwegians are effectively cutting communications and their ski-ers are harassing German columns in the rear as they labour through the mountains.

### Germans Well Held

It is believed that German columns to the north of Oslo have not succeeded in passing Elstevollbukke, some distance south of Hamar and Elverum, which the Germans claim to have captured.

Eastward of Oslo, the Germans do not appear to have crossed the deep gorge of the Clommen River.

At other points like Bergen, Stavanger, Trondheim and Narvik, the Germans appear to be trapped between British ships and Norwegian detachments gathering strength in the mountains.

The situation of the German troops, therefore, appears here to be precarious.

The first shock of the invasion, the population has recovered and is responding to the mobilisation order and helping the national cause in every way possible.

### Halden Said Occupied

STORMSTAD, Apr. 13. (Reuter).—The Germans have occupied the town of Halden in southeastern Norway about three miles from the Norwegian border.

The occupation is reported to have been carried out without any resistance from the Norwegians.

## Amendment To Fire Ordinance

### New Powers Given To Police Officers

A tightening up of the Fire Investigation Ordinance of 1895 to enable enquiries into fires to be made by any competent police officer is contained in published amendments to the Ordinance.

It is pointed out that Section 2 of the Fire Investigation Ordinance, 1895, requires, inter alia, the Commissioner of Police to make or cause to be made a full and minute inspection and a detailed report of premises where a fire has taken place or where attempted arson is suspected and it requires that he shall do this "either personally or by some officer of police of grade not lower than inspector."

The growth of the Colony and of the Police Force since 1895 as well as the establishment of police stations in outlying districts has rendered it necessary and convenient for the inspections and reports to be made by the police officer in charge of the districts concerned, some of whom have not reached the rank of inspector, or by some other officer deputed for the purpose by the Superintendent in charge of the Division.

Clause 2 of the Bill substitutes accordingly the words "by the police officer in charge of the district or by such police officer as shall be deputed by the Superintendent in charge of the Division."

### Magisterial Investigation

Similarly section 4 of the Ordinance which deals with subsequent magisterial investigations as to the causes of fires gives certain rights of

## WESTERN FRONT

## GUNS ROAR IN FRANCE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, Apr. 13. (UP).—The 444th official communiqué from French G.H.Q. states that there has been artillery activity along the Western Front between the Vosges and the Rhine. No further details are given.

### German Report

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" BERLIN, Apr. 12. (UP).—To-day's DNB Western Front report says: On the Western Front, scouting brought valuable information, and in one case inflicted considerable losses to superior enemy forces. In some sectors the enemy showed certain nervousness, but generally speaking there were no particular events.

"According to reports coming in uninterruptedly from the sea, air and land commands of the German units in Norway, the occupation is proceeding according to plan. The air, sea forces and land divisions in Norway maintain constant contact with one another and with the commands. Reinforcement of individual bases was carried out in accordance with the needs of the situation."

"Additional Norwegian coastal batteries are prepared for combat. Near Drontheim, light British naval forces which attempted to advance into the fjord, were repulsed chiefly by coastal batteries."

"Additional airfields have been taken over and anti-aircraft batteries strengthened. In some parts, snow caused difficulties, but these have now been overcome."

"The exemplary morale of the Germans is having a calming effect on the Norwegian population, which is being well supplied with false rumours."

### STATE OF SIEGE

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neutrals be inclined to arrange with the Allies in advance in order to secure aid in the event of an attack from the other side.

The announcement adds: "The Netherlands Government has from the beginning followed an unshakeable and unambiguous policy of neutrality. This it maintains unchanged. There is no place in such a policy for an undertaking made in advance with any belligerent whatsoever."

Bombay, Apr. 12. (Reuter).—Hundi Vishnu Kamath, the General Secretary of the All India forward block of which Subhas Chandra Bose is leader, was arrested to-day under the Defence of India Act.

audience to "any police officer not below the rank of inspector."

In some cases it is more convenient and desirable to give the exercise of these rights of audience to the officer who had personally inspected the premises and made the report.

Clause 3 of the Bill adds accordingly the words "or the police officer in charge of the district or such police officer as shall be deputed by the Superintendent in charge of the Division" after the words "rank of inspector."



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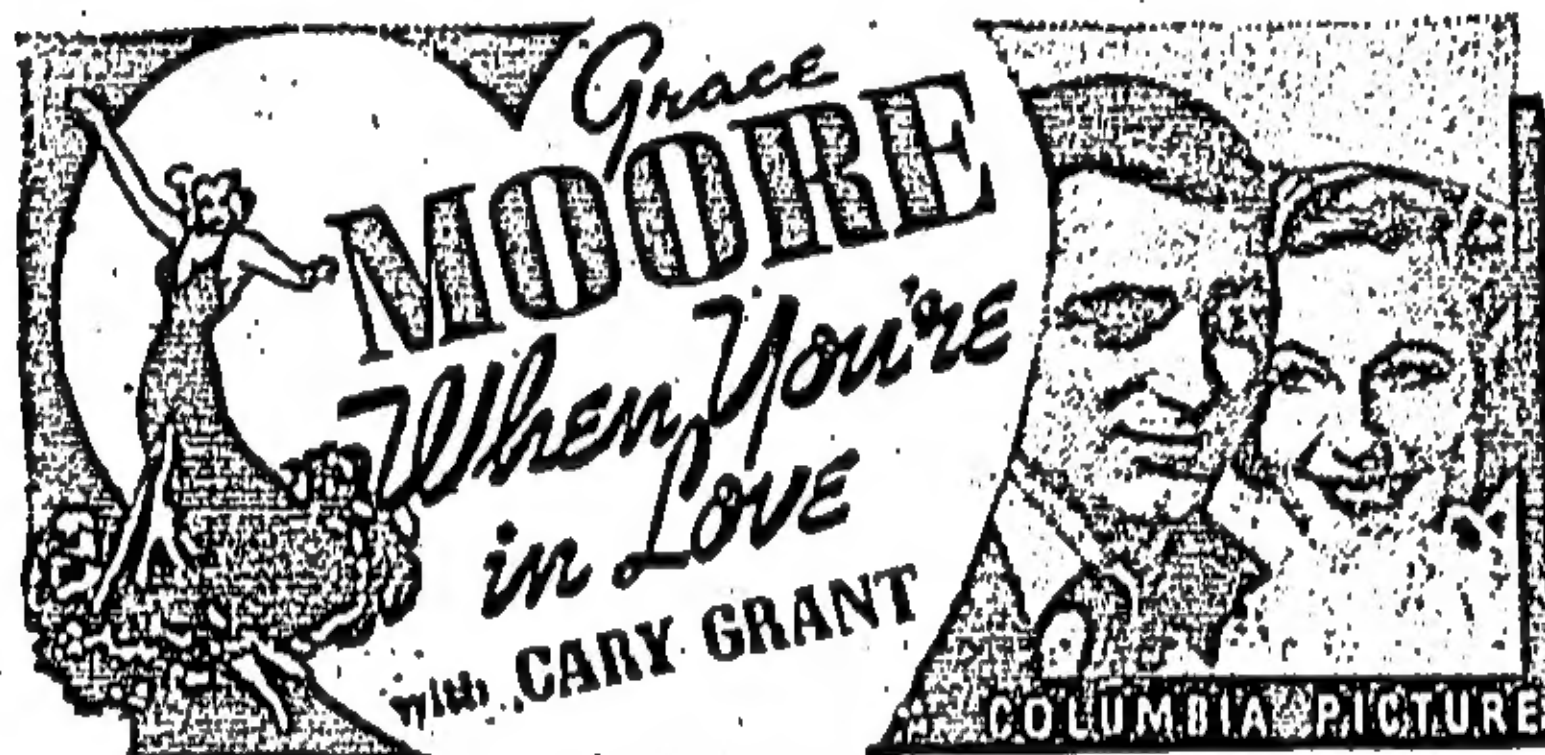
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## WALES BEAT ENGLAND IN SOCCER MATCH

LONDON, Apr. 13 (Reuter).—War-time restrictions kept the crowd to half of Wembley's capacity when England met Wales in an international soccer match to-day.

### RUGBY ENGLAND DEFEATS WALES

LONDON, Apr. 13 (Reuter).—In an international rugby match to-day in aid of war charities, England defeated Wales by 17 points to three at Gloucester.

Both the English and Welsh teams stood silent for a minute in memory of Prince Alexander Obolensky, who was killed in an air crash some days ago. Obolensky was replaced by Guest in the English team.

England attacked strongly and Wales retaliated strongly. Wooler being nearly through. Ellis, Kemp and Unwin put England in a good position, but the opportunity was lost when Wales broke away. Travers scoring a try. The kick failed.

England Ahead

Immediately afterwards, Prescott dropped a goal for England, and then he scored a try which was converted by Heaton.

At half-time the score was 9-3 in England's favour.

England attacked at the outset of the second half, but Wales counter-attacked and Wooler ran from half-way and touched down. However, the try was disallowed.

Heaton then scored a try for England and added the extra points himself.

Guest fielded smartly and scored a last-minute try, to give England a win by 17-3.

Both sides missed perfect chances and concerted play was lacking.

After 20 minutes of strong attacking by England, Wales rallied and Astley had a stinging shot flared over the bar by England's goalkeeper Bartram.

Bryn Jones Scores  
In the 42nd minute Bryn Jones ran through from the middle and shot from 35 yards. Bartram was unable to hold the ball and at half time Wales led one-nil.

Wales resumed confidently but missed many opportunities.

The Welsh left half was injured, but resumed after two minutes. Play became desultory, but ten minutes from the end Matthews the English right winger dashed three-quarters of the length of the field, only to shoot wide.

Penalty Missed  
Five minutes later Matthews was brought down in the penalty area, but Hall missed with the spot kick.

The end was thrilling with both goals being bombarded, but Wales held out and won by the only goal, scored, thus avenging their earlier defeat at Wrexham.

### NAZI TRAWLERS CAPTURED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
LONDON, Apr. 13 (UP).—It is announced that two German trawlers, the Norland (293 tons) and the Blankenburg (344 tons) have been brought into a northeast Scottish port by the British prize crews who captured them off the Norwegian coast.

Another German trawler, the Freisland (247 tons), was brought into the same port yesterday.

### Huge Blaze Sweeps City

Over 1,000 Panamanian Families Homeless

COLON (Panama), Apr. 13 (UP).—A major fire is sweeping the city of Colon where three city blocks, filled with inflammable wooden apartment buildings, are ablaze.

More than one thousand Panamanian families are crowding the streets with their belongings.

The Government buildings are also in danger as the Colon pumping station has been burned out and the water pressure is low. Water pressure was turned on from the Canal Zone whose firemen are rushing equipment to the scene.

The Canal Zone is not believed to be in danger.

No casualties from Colon are yet reported and the police have summoned reinforcements in an effort to keep order among the panic stricken residents, many of whom have already fled towards old Cristobal.

### Rangers In The Cup Final

LONDON, Apr. 13 (Reuter).—The following are the results of matches played to-day in the Scottish Cup semi-finals:  
Airdrieonians 0 Dundee United 0  
Glasgow Rangers 4 Motherwell 1

## LATE NEWS

### Cardinal's Death

Thousands Pay Last Tribute

PARIS, Apr. 13 (UP).—Throughout the day huge crowds continued to file past the remains of Cardinal Mercier who will be laid in a coffin to-morrow evening prior to the funeral services at the Notre Dame Cathedral next Tuesday.

Since his death, more than 30,000 people have filed past—13,000 during yesterday alone.

Forty Bishops are now enroute to Paris from different parts of France and the Colonies for the burial ceremonies. Monsignor Gounot, Primate of Africa, is coming by plane.

### Eastern Win Game In Manila

MANILA, Apr. 13 (UP).—The Eastern Athletic footballers from Hongkong showed very fancy footwork and great shooting power when they defeated Santo Tomas by six goals to one in their first match of the tour last night.

The Hongkong players clearly outclassed the Manila team. They attacked continually and only the spectacular saves of the Santo Tomas goal-keeper, Prieto, prevented a swamping.

N.C. Lee and V.K. Hui, of the visiting side, scored twice each, while Hau Ching-to and Chung Kam-hoi had one each in the first half. The Eastern men set a terrific pace in this period.

K. Z. Lee had the crowd on their toes in the second half when he scored a spectacular goal, after drawing the goalie out of his charge. He scored again five minutes later.

Eastern will play their second game on Sunday night against La Granja.



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